

## Message Text

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ACTION EB-08

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P R 282342Z MAR 77

FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2956

INFO AMCONSUL MONTREAL

ALL OTHER AMCONSULS CANADA (BY POUCH)

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, ETRD, CA

SUBJECT: ENERGY: APRIL 1977 CANADIAN CRUDE OIL SUPPLY  
AND DEMAND

1. ON MARCH 23 NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD (NEB) RELEASED  
FOLLOWING ESTIMATES OF CANADIAN CRUDE OIL PRODUCIBILITY,  
DOMESTIC DEMAND FOR CANADIAN OIL, AND LICENSED EXPORTS  
FOR ZQ0:1777:

----- THOUSANDS OF BARRELS PER DAY

----- MARCH	APRIL
PRODUCIBILITY	
LIGHT CRUDE OIL	1,657 1,655
HEAVY CRUDE OIL	210 212

DOMESTIC DEMAND	
LIGHT CRUDE OIL	1,141 1,034
HEAVY CRUDE OIL	71 69

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LICENSED EXPORTS

LIGHT CRUDE OIL	180 180
HEAVY CRUDE OIL	118 101

2. ANNOUNCEMENT IS FIRST OF ITS KIND AND WILL BE MADE  
IN FUTURE ON MONTHLY BASIS. NEB PREVIOUSLY RELEASED  
THIS INFORMATION TO INTERESTED NEWSMEN AND ORGANIZATIONS

ON REQUEST ONLY. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO REPORT DATA  
ON ROUTINE BASIS.

3. COMMENT. ABOVE FIGURES SHOW THAT VOLUME OF HEAVY  
OIL EXPORTS DECLINED 17,000 BARRELS PER DAY (B/D) FROM  
MARCH TO APRIL AND THAT 42,000 B/D OF HEAVY OIL PRO-  
DUCTION AVAILABLE FOR EXPORT WAS NOT REQUESTED BY U. S.  
REFINERIES. GOC OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO EXPRESS DISMAY  
THAT SUCH QUANTITIES OF HEAVY OIL ARE BEING "LEFT ON  
THE SHELF IN CANADA" WHEN THEY ARE CERTAIN THERE ARE  
U. S. REFINERIES WHICH WILL TAKE THIS OIL IF USG  
POLICY PERMITS IT. AS EVIDENCE OF THIS DEMAND THEY  
CITE THE MASSIVE OVER-NOMINATION OF THE SPECIAL EXPORTS  
OF HEAVY CRUDE AUTHORIZED IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH. FOR  
800,000 BARRELS AUTHORIZED IN FEBRUARY NOMINATIONS  
TOTALLED 3.2 MILLION BARRELS AND FOR THE 900,000 BARRELS  
AUTHORIZED IN MARCH NOMINATIONS TOTALLED 2.9 MILLION  
BARRELS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: NEB ANNOUNCEMENT AND SUBSEQUENT  
PRESS COVERAGE (WHICH EMPHASIZED THAT REASON FOR DROP  
IN EXPORTS WAS LACK OF DEMAND FROM U.S. REFINERS)  
HIGHLIGHT PROBLEM WHICH IS APPARENTLY A MATTER OF  
INCREASING CONCERN TO GOC. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE  
HELPFUL IN THIS SITUATION TO INFORM GOC OF ANY ACTIONS  
USG CONTEMPLATES TO FACILITATE ACCESS OF U.S. REFINERS  
TO AVAILABLE HEAVY OIL SUPPLIES. EMBASSY THEREFORE  
REQUESTS STATUS REPORT ON FEA CONSIDERATION OF THIS  
MATTER AND GUIDANCE AS TO WHAT WE MAY TELL GOC REGARDING  
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LIKELY NEAR-TERM U.S. POLICY. ENDERS

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